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Port Leo left a private fortune of about \$17,000,000.

The Prince of Wales is talking of paying a visit to the United States.

Japan may be a little power but she never takes her eyes off Russia and Manchuria.

King Peter is doubtless speculating as to who will be King of Serbia this time next year.

There are a good many blisters to the square inch in those Kansas counties where the soft handed squire harrowers are at work.

Says a western exchange:  
With the college boys at work in the harvest fields and the girls at work in the kitchen, who cares whether school keeps or not?

It is estimated that Kansas will have a wheat crop of from 20,000,000 to 100,000,000 bushels. Oklahoma and the territories about 40,000,000 and Texas about 25,000,000.

A shrewd buyer never fails to read the advertisement before parting with his money. And of course if your advertisement is not there he cannot well see it. And likewise of course you see him go into the other fellow's store.

People who make a practice of sending into the city for their supplies should never complain of the hard times. The way to prevent hard times is to get all the money from abroad you can keep it in your own town. In other words, patronize your local merchants.

A party of New York millionaires will shortly start for Africa on an exploring expedition in search of the lost mines of King Solomon. In order to secure the co-operation of the dusky King of Abyssinia he will be presented with a Texas saddle, a plug hat and a few strings of beads.

Organized labor went a step too far when it attempted to dictate to the United States Government by demanding the dismissal of an employee of the Government Printing Office because the local union had seen fit to expel him. The President very promptly set down on the whole business. And now the unions are roaring the President because he didn't bend the knee to their arbitrary demand.

## GOOD ROADS NOTES.

An object lesson road built under the supervision of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, has been completed at Morganton, West Virginia. This being the first work of the kind done in the State, its completion was celebrated by the holding of a good roads convention. There was a good attendance of representative citizens from all parts of the State, addresses were delivered by a number of prominent men, and it is believed that substantial progress toward general improvement of the highways has been made. Perhaps the most significant feature of the convention's work was the unanimity and enthusiasm with which it endorsed both National and State aid.

The Washington Post in a leading editorial condemns both National and State aid as paternalistic. It says that "the duty of road building attaches solely to the communities immediately concerned." This is a narrow view. The same view applied to education would make the local communities pay all the expenses of the schools; yet State aid to education is the rule, not the exception. If the Post's contention is right, the local community should be required to establish its own postoffice, and hire its postmaster and mail carriers. In fact nearly everything the State and National governments are doing for the people would be condemned as paternalism viewed from the same standpoint.

But the Post's ideas are not all so

quoted above. In the same issue has the following to say concerning convict labor:  
"In the building of good roads the solution of the convict problem. The convict is always with us. The convict is constant as it is abundant. We do not see them to construct and repair turnpikes instead of cooping them up in prison ships or leasing them out to private speculators in human flesh and blood? In the one case we get criminals in competition with honest labor. In the other, we traffic in scandal, cruelty, and demoralization. Were the able-bodied convicts throughout the country employed upon the public roads as we suggest, we should have within ten years as excellent highways as those of France, Germany or England. Moreover it would be a legitimate employment that would operate injury to none and benefit to all."

## PUNISHMENT FOR MURDERERS.

There is general complaint at the courts of the country on account of the small number of murderers who are punished according to law. It is a common saying and belief, that if a man has money and influential friends, he may commit a murder without fear of punishment, especially if his victim happens to be a negro or a poor white man. It must be conceded that there are enough instances of the kind to justify the talk and belief.

The courts are blamed for it, and it will be admitted that there is ground for the criticism of the courts. There is too much delay in the trial of men charged with the crime of murder, as in the case of other criminals, if the person to be tried has the money with which to pay skillful criminal lawyers. It is a popular fallacy that justice is blind, or that the scales of justice are evenly balanced over the heads of the rich as well as the poor and the obscure.

But the fault is not all with the judges who hold courts. Juries are also to blame. The same men who are loudest and most emphatic in their complaints of the inefficiency of the courts, would, in many instances, if called to serve on a jury, stretch every point to free a fellow man, charged with murder, from the penalty of his crime.

As the Augusta Chronicle says: "It is not a pleasant thing to return a verdict of guilty, but men are not sworn in the jury box in murder cases with any view of furnishing pleasure. They have a duty to perform, a duty to society, to law and order." If they shirk their duty, they forget the oath they have taken, to try the issues, and a verdict return according to the law and the evidence, and are on the alert for something upon which to hang a doubt, of which the man on trial may receive the benefit.

Scores and hundreds of murderers all over the land escape punishment because juries will not return verdicts, and whose main object while sitting as a jury appears to be to find some excuse for not returning a verdict. Unless juries can be found that will return verdicts when the testimony before them justifies, courts can do nothing. The juries are made up from among the people and the people elect the courts, therefore when they complain at the inefficiency of the courts they complain of their own creation. If the courts are inefficient the people who elect judges are responsible for it, if they are powerless on account of the dissimulation or the refusal of juries to find a man guilty who is guilty, the people are responsible.

It will be recalled that last courts make law juries, and sometimes the people who elect judges may be deceived as to the character of the man for whom a majority of those votes, but in any event, the misnomer of the people are to blame more or less, for any failure on the part of the courts to dispense strict and impartial justice.—Richmond News-Leader.

## THE WATER PROBLEM

Big Stone Gap is confronted with a serious problem. When it rains the water stops, the town is dry. When it does not rain the water ceases to flow, and the town is again dry. What is the solution of this paradoxical problem?

1st. If the "in-take" at the dam, where the water enters the water-pipes, is properly protected, so that every little freshet will not fill the in-take with leaves that are washed by the swollen stream and lodge on the in-take, thereby obstructing the water in entering the water-pipe or line, we will have water when it rains.

2d. The most feasible solution of problem as regards water in dry weather is the erection of a reservoir. About ten months in the year our water supply is greater than we need. The waste water would supply perhaps 10,000 people. This water should be gathered into a reservoir and held until the dry season. This can be done. Between town and the iron furnace there is a basin that can be used for this purpose, at a very small expense to the town. The bottom of this basin is 10 feet higher than the gap at Mr. Amburgey's. Where the water would first run out the basin, as it is now, is 30 feet above the Amburgey gap. At the lowest place surrounding the basin a short wall 20 feet high could easily be erected. This would give an elevation of 50 feet above the Amburgey gap, and would hold a supply of water sufficient for 10,000 people for three months. This reservoir can be

nied each year with water from the water line during the flush water season, without any expense to the town, after the water line is once connected with the reservoir. This line now goes within 1/4 of a mile of the basin.

This would be a very plausible solution to the ever vexing water problem, and we understand that steps will soon be taken to accomplish this.

## THE SOUTHERN

Has Withdrawn Their Express Office From Big Stone Gap.

The Southern Express Company has withdrawn its office from Big Stone Gap and established it at Appalachia. Heretofore the Southern and Adams have had a joint office at this place, and express from Bristol and points east and south over the V. & S. W. and the Dummy lines. Under the present arrangements all express goes to Appalachia, where it is transferred to the Adams and brought to Big Stone Gap over the L. & N. Express over the Southern, when the V. & S. W. makes connection with the L. & N. arrives here about an hour later than it did under the old arrangements, but when connection is not made by the two lines, which is frequent, the express is laid over at Appalachia until the next day. Also under the new arrangements the express rate between Bristol and this place is increased 40 cents per hundred, that being the rate of the Adams between here and Appalachia. The Southern offers no excuse whatever for withdrawing its office from this place, and the only people benefitted by the new arrangements will be the liquor dealers of Bristol, who can "shoot" their wine still into Appalachia and the mines the same day, and we presume that it is this business the Southern is catering to.

The result will be that all express business between this place and Bristol will be transferred to Cincinnati, Louisville and points in Kentucky, as the express rate between here and Bristol is practically the same as between here and Cincinnati, and the railroad facilities between here and Louisville and Cincinnati are much better, there being two trains per day each way.

The Southern has done a very foolish thing, and it is hoped they will reconsider the matter and move their office back to this place. Otherwise they will kill their business at this place absolutely, and it ought to be.

## ROACHMENTS.

"The devil hath many tools in his trade, but the lie is the handle that fits these all."

"Truth is like a fragrant flower, when crushed gives forth its sweetest perfume."

Some people are like eggs, they can't get in the swim until they are spoiled, and then when they get up against the genuine article they groan in a loud voice, "How we are spoiled!"

Women are like eggs—they are either good or bad—no such thing as tolerable good eggs or women. It takes at least three generations to raise a genuine gentleman or lady. Some may acquire a little polish sooner, but when rubbed about they soon show that they are only polished goods and not the sterling quality.

Only those who are sincere in their social and moral position can afford to mingle with humanity on equal terms, watch well those who assume politeness and laughter among their peers, for there is a skeleton in their closet and the lie is thin over which they glide.

Life is a game of dominoes. You must watch your own and your surroundings to win.

Unhappy rests the head under the crown, especially in dry weather, if the head is bald and the crown has receded. All of us inherit crown baldness but only the bald-headed men make them shine and wear them in public.

There is as much difference between an heir apparent and heir presumptive as there is between a herring and a halibut, but sometimes they go close together.

Politics makes strange bedfellows, so if Roosevelt had only slept with Booker Washington instead of dining with him, probably he wouldn't have felt like taking anything on his stomach for a few days. He will think of this before he does it again and take a little wine for his stomach's sake.

## ROUND-TRIP TRAIN

May Be Put On Between Bristol and Big Stone Gap.

It is rumored—and the rumor is termed substantial one—that the Virginia and Southwestern Railway is very soon to have additional passenger accommodations in the form of a new passenger train to run between Bristol and Big Stone Gap.

## CONTINUE

Those who are gaining flesh and strength by regular treatment with Scott's Emulsion should continue the treatment in cold weather. Smaller doses and a little cod liver oil with cod liver oil will do the work. The emulsion is attached to fatty products during the heated season.

The train, if put on, will leave Bristol in the morning, and run to Big Stone Gap and return during the day. A train of the kind would be of value to the traveling public. Persons arriving here in the evening, as the schedule now is, are compelled to wait here until late the following afternoon before they can get a train for Big Stone Gap.—Bristol Courier.

## SLEMP-BAILEY.

Popular Young Couple Married in Bristol.

Miss Vesta Slemp, of this place, and Mr. J. C. Bailey, a prominent operator at Dorchester were married in Bristol last Wednesday which was a surprise to the many friends of the couple. The Courier on Thursday morning gave the following account of the wedding:

Miss Vesta Slemp, of Big Stone Gap, Va., was married to Mr. J. C. Bailey at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The couple came to Bristol on the 12:45 p. m. train, and went to the Hamilton. They were accompanied by Mr. J. A. Gilmer and Miss Anna Slemp, the latter a sister of the bride. Soon after the party had been to dinner, Rev. George W. Summers, pastor of the Mary Street Methodist Church, was called to the hotel, and performed the marriage ceremony in the hotel parlor.

The bride party returned to Big Stone Gap on the afternoon train.

The bride is a niece of Congressman C. Slemp, of the Ninth Virginia District, and is a sweet, accomplished young woman, with many friends in Wise county to wish her and her husband a long and very happy life together.

The groom is a successful young business man, and holds the joint position at Dorchester as agent for the Louisville & Nashville Railway and the Colonial Coal and Coke Company.

## TO THE VOTERS OF WISE COUNTY.

Wise, Va., July 28, 1903.—I have withdrawn from the race for County Treasurer in favor of Mr. B. F. Barron, of Big Stone Gap, and earnestly request all my friends who so kindly promised me their support, to do all they can for Mr. Barron in the Primary and also in the election on November 3rd.

Thanking you all for your friendly support during my candidacy, I am, Yours very truly,

R. P. HAMMONS.

## CARD OF THANKS.

We, the undersigned, in these and days of our bereavement, heartily beg leave to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our friends, and in particular to the members of Pioneer Lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F., Stone Gap, Va., Gate City Lodge, No. 170, I. O. O. F., Gate City, Va., Stone Gap Lodge, No. 101, K. of P., Stone Gap, Va., Hamilton St. John's Society, Stone Gap, Va., and colored Lodge K. of P., Stone Gap, Va., for the many tokens of sympathy and genuine sorrow at the sudden demise of my ever remembered husband and father, James H. King, late Chief of Police, Stone Gap, Va., whom I pleased to call out of the midst of a useful and dutiful life into a better realm.

Very respectfully,

Mrs. NANCIE G. KING,  
J. CARRION KING and WIFE.

## FROM CRAB ORCHARD.

Correspondence of The Big Stone Gap Post.  
Crab Orchard, Va., August 3.—E. M. Cooper has been on a trip to Knoxville to secure his stock of goods the past week.

Several well expected persons here Tuesday of last week en route to Clover Gap, Ky.

Attorney J. P. Butler, in company with several others from Big Stone Gap, passed Wednesday to Virginia, back to fish in the waters of the Cumberland River.

C. Parker's son, from Philadelphia, Pa., was here on a prospecting tour on the coal fields last week.

Barry L. M. Carmichael, the steady successor of Lee county, is kept busy surveying out lands around in this county. He reports a month's work still here for him to do.

Tom, Tom Rutledge, of Lower Crab Orchard, was struck postoffice, died at his home of smallpox, last week. Fresh cases are reported in that section of county. Charles Rutledge, his father, was one of the oldest of the pioneer settlers of this valley, and his home near mouth of the old homestead farm.

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## FROM WHITESBURG.

Correspondence of The Big Stone Gap Post.  
Whitesburg, Ky., Aug. 3.—We are having lots of rain now and crops are looking fine.

The primary held here to nominate a candidate for Circuit Clerk, resulted in the nomination of J. P. Adams over Steve Combs by a majority of 15. A close contest.

Miss Maggie Webb, a charming belle of Whitesburg, was in town Saturday.

Lafayette Buckle, the news correspondent of Whitesburg, is in town at this writing.

Capt. John A. Webb, Lane Collieries and James M. Frantz, accompanied by their best girls, Misses Frantz, Hargis and Williams, took a buggy ride to Colly Saturday.

A. J. Webb, recently from St. Louis, was in town today.

Misses Bred and Emma Vermillion, of East Bend, were visiting friends here Saturday.

Married—J. E. Wright and Mary Brown, W. E. Bentley and Lizzie Wright. The wish of many friends is a long and happy life.

Miss Ida Adams, a beautiful girl of Whitesburg, will leave here the 3rd of September to attend school at Williams, Ky. She will take from here many good wishes of a host of friends.

The State Guard here is preparing to go to Jackson, as orders were issued on the 15th. They will be known as Company B. This company is composed of some of the best men of Eastern Kentucky, and no doubt the best marksmen.

## FROM STONEGA.

Correspondence of The Big Stone Gap Post.

Stonega, Va., August 3.—The excitement consequent on the murder of Chief Jas. H. King has all subsided, as the murderer Thomas Daniels alias J. E. Stansfield is dead, and the haunts of the outlaws on the border line are all deserted, the inmates having gone out of reach of law, and while it is a doubtful question whether the vile trade in which they were engaged will ever be revived in the same place, it is a fact that the danger which threatens this and every community, is carried on by rascals, who claim immunity from public execution, in assuming that they are respectable, and conducting the business legally, while justly considered they are not and are better than the others who are classed as outlaws, and legally it is a distinction without a difference. It is only necessary any day here to see several of these rascals dressed in liquor merchants' clothes, and the line of workmen at the pay window and like vultures ready to pounce on them, to relieve them of their earnings in exchange for the poison that is their stock in trade, and should their victim be missed, they are hounded at their homes at night and are every way laid on Sunday morning on their way to church.

What at one time on Saturday evening last at Stonega threatened serious consequences was averted by the coolness and forethought of Superintendent Arthur Foster, of that place, nipping the trouble in the bud, and showing the bullfighters that law and order is to be the rule while he is in control. A couple of women were the starters by reflecting on the purity of each other's conduct, and the men being of different nationalities, took sides, and gathered in force of over fifty, with weapons of every kind, but were promptly scattered by Mr. Foster, who had been here. This tumult scattered about 5 o'clock in the evening.

After midnight, at the same camp, but in another locality, Bert Coates shot and killed Emma Mills, who, he claims, was trying to kill him with a razor. Bert went to the county jail to prison at the next term of court that he killed the girl in self-defense. This was a serious deed.

## BRANHAM

Sentenced to be Hanged October 30th.

Wise, Va., Aug. 3.—The jury in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Clinton Branham, charged with the murder of his first degree, returned a verdict of murder in the first degree. A motion for a new trial was made which was overruled, and Branham was sentenced to be hanged on October 30th.

The court is now engaged in the trial of James H. King, charged with shooting and wounding John Bailey some time ago on Stone Gap.

The case of the Commonwealth vs. Wm. H. Hickey charged with the murder of David Hickey and George Frazier at Glenmorgan, will be called this week, and if other things come along, the docket will not contain the Stonega case attended by law, this case will be tried at this term.

## PROGRAM.

Following is the program for the Annual Convention of the W. S. W. County Anti-Slavery League to be held at Wise, Virginia, on Wednesday, August 12th, 1903, at 8:30 a. m.

1st.—Historical address by Rev. J. H. Stirling, of Wise, Va.

2nd.—Address by Rev. W. F. Brown, of Stonega, Va.

3rd.—Report of the Anti-Slavery League of Stonega, Va., by Rev. W. F. Brown.

4th.—A report on the progress of the Anti-Slavery League, by Rev. W. F. Brown.

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24th.—A report on the progress of the Anti-Slavery League, by Rev. W. F. Brown.

25th.—A report on the progress of the Anti-Slavery League, by Rev. W. F. Brown.

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